1   House Resolution
2   A resolution designating the month of March
3   2001 as "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month."
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5   WHEREAS, colorectal cancer is the third most commonly
6   diagnosed cancer among both men and women, and is the second
7   leading cause of cancer death in the United States each year,
8   and
9   WHEREAS, research has shown not only that regular
10   screening practices prevent colorectal cancer, but that, when
11   localized colorectal cancer is diagnosed early, there is a
12   91-percent survival rate among its victims, and
13   WHEREAS, advancing age has been found to be the
14   greatest risk factor leading to colorectal cancer, yet
15   nationally, less than half of individuals above 50 years of
16   age receive annual screenings for the disease, and
17   WHEREAS, it is recognized that dietary factors greatly
18   influence the risk of developing this type of cancer and that
19   a healthy diet plays a significant role in the prevention of
20   the disease, and
21   WHEREAS, inasmuch as early detection is crucial to the
22   successful treatment and cure of colorectal cancer, and the
23   value of regular screenings and a proper diet in the
24   prevention of the disease cannot be overemphasized, NOW,
25   THEREFORE,
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27   Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of
28   Florida:
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30   That the House of Representatives pauses in its
31   deliberations to designate the month of March 2001 as

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1   "Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month," a time in which to stress
2   to the public the importance of becoming knowledgeable of the
3   risks, symptoms, and prevention of colorectal cancer, and to
4   urge all Florida residents to become better informed
5   concerning the practices they may adopt to avoid this disease
6   or to lessen its devastating effect on their lives.
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